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1. DEPT CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT THREE ROMANIANS DO NOT REPEAT NOT QUALIFY FOR ASYLUM. WE HAVE CONSISTENLY HELD THAT ASYLUM IS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNTRY IN WHICH THE REQUEST IS MADE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ARGENTINA IS A SIGNATORY TO BOTH THE CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES WHICH IMPOSES CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING PROHIBITION AGAINST EXPULSION OF A REFUGEE TO A COUNTRY WHERE HIS LIFE OR FREEDOM WOULD BE THREATENED BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP OR POLITICAL OPINION.

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- 2. UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES REPRESENTATIVE IN BUENOS AIRES CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN RESETTLING REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES BOTH AS A RESULT OF DIRECT APPEALS BY REFUGEE OR BY COUNTRY IN WHICH REFUGEE IS LOCATED.
- 3. FYI IN ROMANIA, THERE IS A LAW WHICH PROVIDES FOR SENTENCES RANGING FROM 3 15 YEARS FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF SUCH ILLEGAL DEPARTURE. TRIAL AND SENTENCES CAN BE HELD IN ABSTENTIA. KISSINGER

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